GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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STARVATION DEATHS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether starvation deaths of weavers have been reported from certain districts like Sircilla, Nalgonda in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the relief package proposed to help these weavers ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) to (c) The Government had received reports about suicide by some powerloom Weavers of Sircilla in district Karim Nagar of Andhra Pradesh. As soon as the reports were received, the Central Government in close coordination with the State Government took immediate measures for the redressal of the problems and grievances of the weavers. The measures included opening of a Yarn Depot at Sircilla; starting an Extension Counter of the Powerloom Service Centre, Hyderabad; providing of training and consultancy facilities for product development and marketing; training of the members of the destitute families in sewing under the centrally sponsored Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana; in addition to the measures taken by the State Government like distribution of old age pension and widow pension and financial help to the families of suicide victims, etc.